

Wines Park

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Ira Wines achieved fame in his early life as a pony express rider and overland stage coach driver. A prominent Lehi businessman, when his wife died in Palo Alto, California in 1908, he proposed to deed a full city block to Lehi City if they would allow the gift to be in memory of his wife.

Three years passed before Lehi City council responded and them with a compromise proposal. The city was to install a fence around the park, spend \$1,000 in landscaping and spend \$500 per year for twenty years in maintaining the park.

Many of Lehi's citizens opposed the financial obligation placed up the citizens and felt that better uses could be made of the property--lik preserving it for the eventual site of a high school.

Finally in 1915, contracts were lt for planting 38 varieties of trees on the park. In 1989, 125 of the original trees remained in the park.